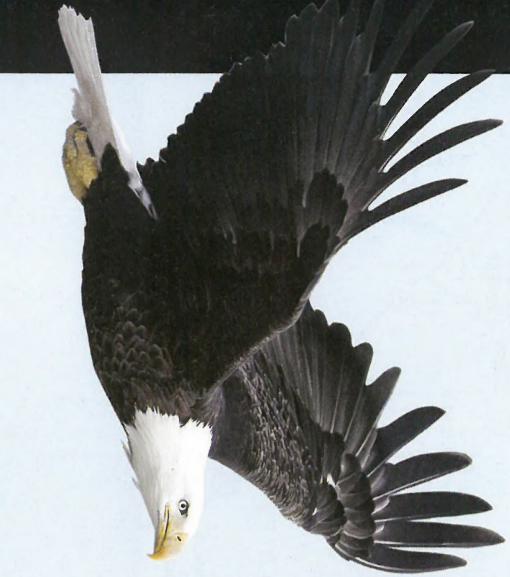
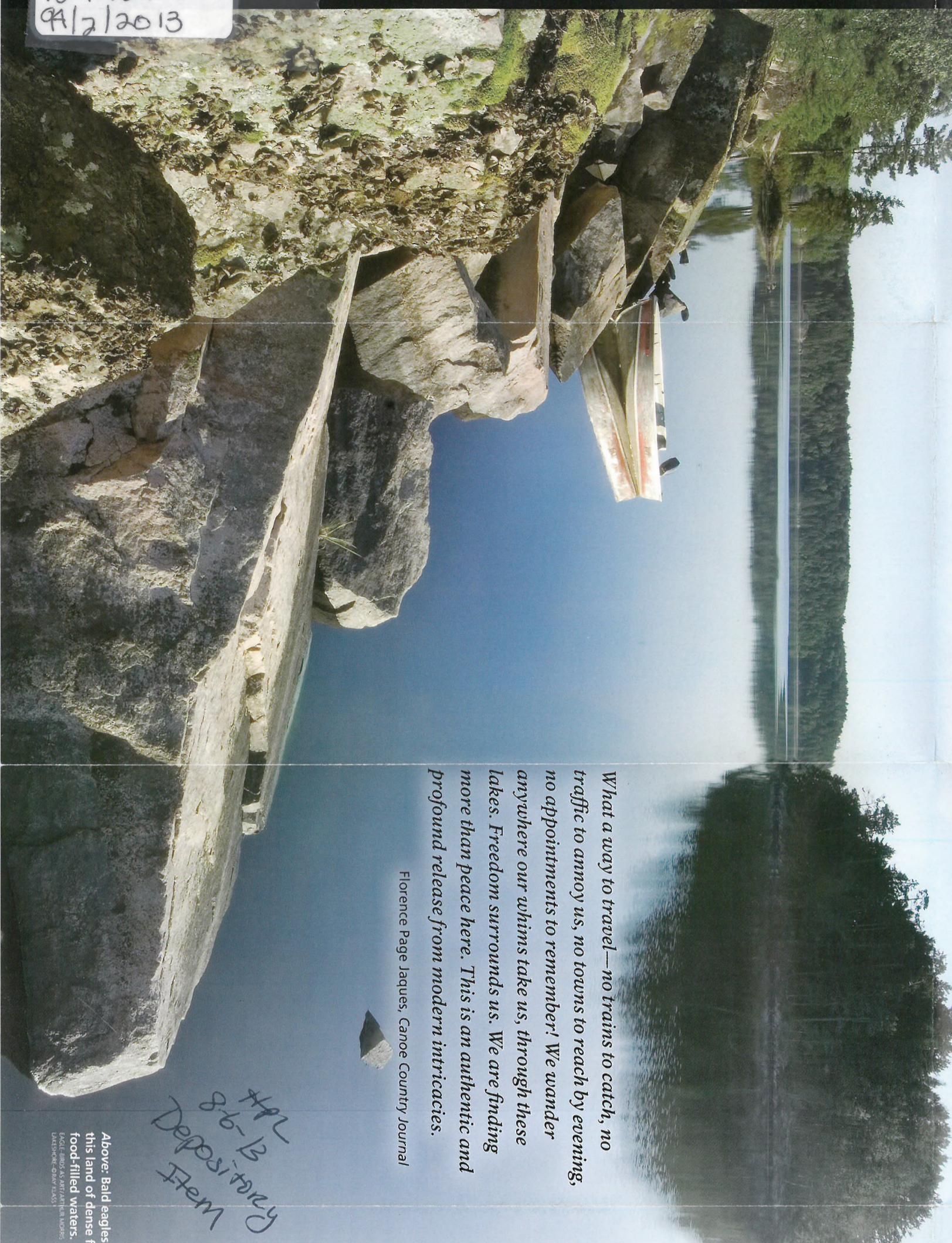


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Heart of the Continent
Voyageurs' landscape of abundant rock and dense woods hugs the outer edges of the Canadian Shield and the northern boreal forest. Interconnected lakes—Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, and dozens of smaller ones—were once routes for travel and trade.

This land of spectacular beauty and rich history was first proposed as a national park in 1891 by people concerned about encroaching industry. It would be another 80 years before Congress authorized the park. In 1975 Voyageurs became the nation's 36th national park.

Leave your car behind and set out on a water highway through the heart of the continent—in the wake of the Ojibwe and French-Canadian canoeemen of long ago.

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Stories in the Rocks

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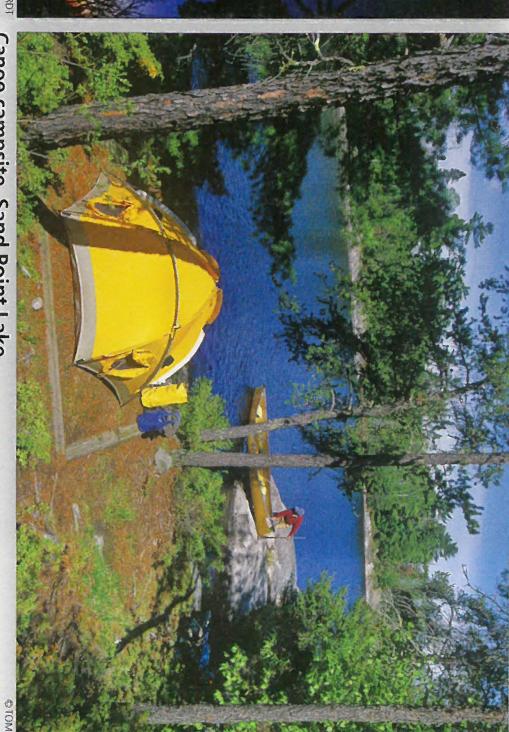
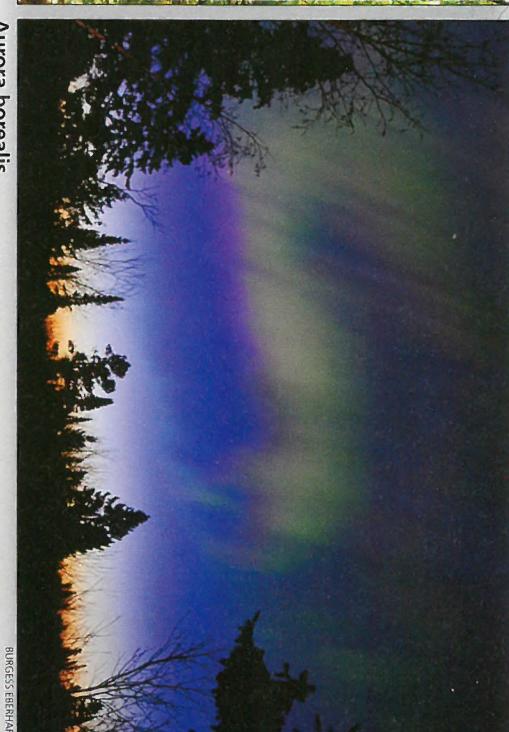
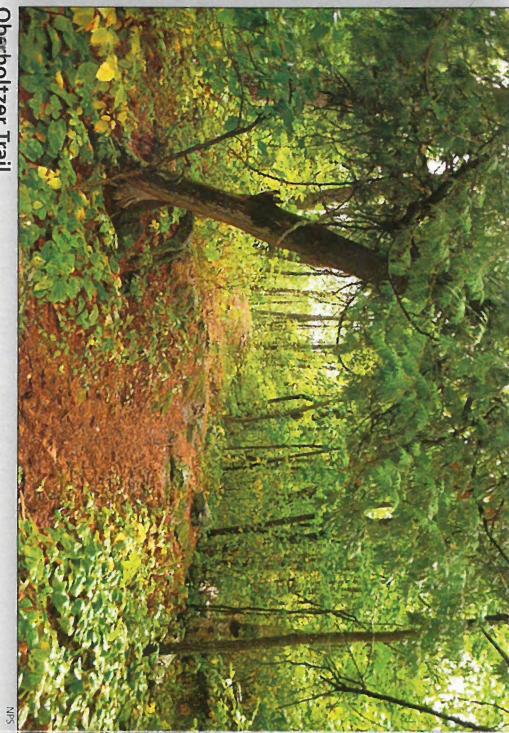
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Exploring Voyageurs National Park



North Canoe paddlers

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Scheduled Programs and Boat Tours

MORE INFORMATION

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Kettle Falls Hotel

Stop first at one of the visitor centers: Rainy Lake, Kabetogama, and Ash River. Each has information, exhibits, park movie, bookstore, Junior Ranger programs, boat ramps, hiking trails, and more.

Visitor centers are open daily in summer; Rainy Lake operates year-round.

Voyageurs is a water-based park. Travel to the 500-plus islands and 655 miles of shoreline is by watercraft. "Don't Miss" destinations include Anderson Bay, Elsworth Rock Gardens, Hoist Bay, Kettle Falls, and Little American Island. But with 218,054 acres of land and water, there are countless out-of-the-way places to find your own adventure.

For detailed information, get a copy of the park newspaper *Rendezvous* or visit www.nps.gov/voya. Boating park waters by motorboat, kayak, canoe, sailboat, houseboat, or tour boat. Public boat launch ramps are available at park visitor centers. Crane Lake ranger sta-

Oberholzer Trail

tion, and the two state forest campgrounds, Ash River and Woodfrogs.

Kabetogama Lake flows east, and Rainy Lake flows west.

Water flows from Crane Lake through Sand Point and Namakan lakes to Kettle Falls.

Fishing These waters are world-renowned for walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and other freshwater species. Fishing in park waters requires a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) license. In Canadian waters, you'll need an Ontario license. Contact US Customs for border crossing regulations.

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Hiking

The park's 15 trail-of-drive-to sites in the park feature something for everyone—easy, moderate, and strenuous.

Some trails or trail sections are mobility accessible. For details check out individual trail maps at a visitor center or visit www.nps.gov/voya.

International Border Always know where you are on the water. Check with Canadian and US Customs before crossing the border. Canadian Customs services are available by water at Portage Bay on Sand Point Lake and by vehicle at the Crane Lake Public Landing and at the International Falls Bridge. For detailed navigation information, scan this code or visit www.nps.gov/voya/pnplan.

Accessibility We strive to make our facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. Coverage is spotty in the park. • All food, garbage, and cooking equipment must be kept in a vehicle, vessel, bear-proof locker, or hung 10 feet high and 10 feet out from a pole or tree. • Use only dead and downed wood. To prevent the spread of invasive species, firewood that is brought in must be MDNR approved. • Federal laws protect all natural and cultural features. Do not damage or collect them. • For a

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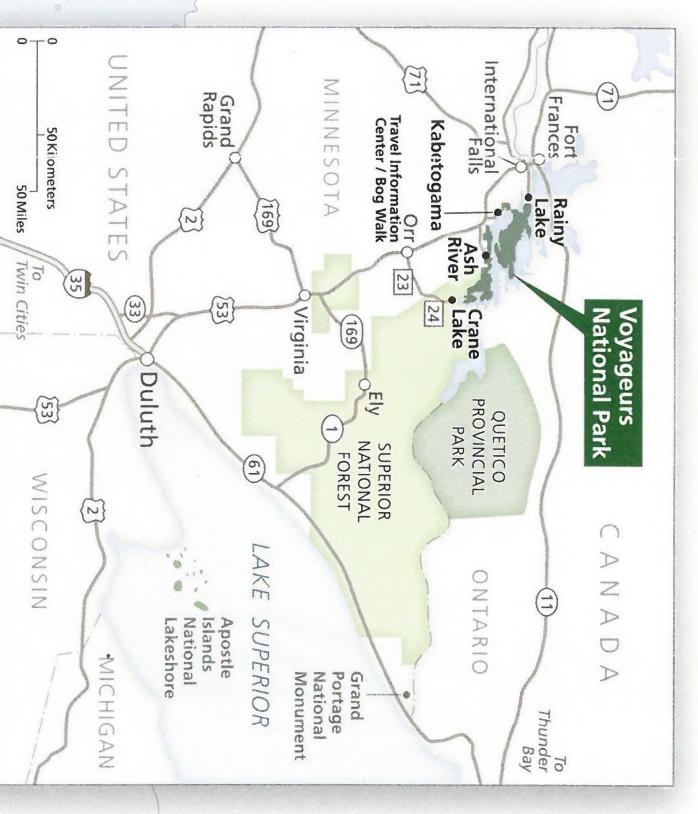
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